

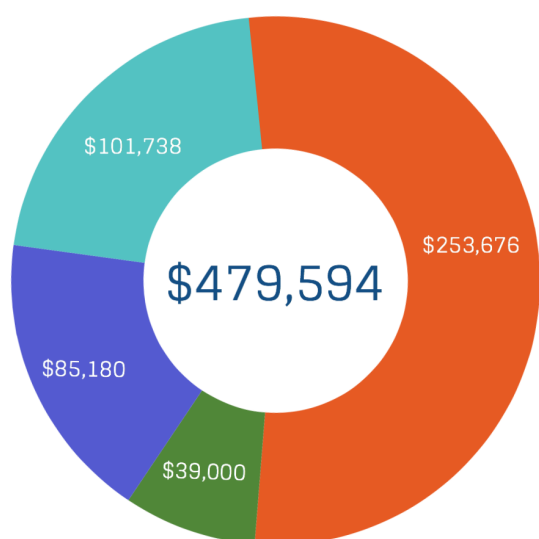
HOLYOKE / CHICOPEE

Funded Partners

CareerPoint, Chicopee Boys & Girls Club, Gandara, Hampden County Sheriff, Holyoke Boys & Girls Club, Holyoke Community College, Holyoke High School, Holyoke Police Department, NEARI, River Valley Counseling

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/funding-andtraining/justice-and-prev/grants/shannon-csi/>

Funding Allocation



1,939 Total Youth Served

31.0%
At-Risk



Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

28.6%
High-Risk



Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.

40.4%
Proven-Risk



Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

=10% of Youth Served

Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth Development & Recreation*



507
Decreased Risky Behavior

215
Understand the Causes of Violence

Case Management & Street Outreach or Intervention



509
Stayed Away from Gang Activity

72
High and Proven Risk Youth in Mentoring Programs

Education & Employment



877
Enrolled in After School & Out of School Education Programs

20
Passed the HiSET Exam

Suppression



99
Hot Spot Patrols Conducted Across 9 Identified Hotspots

13
Gang Members and High Impact Players Arrested

Community Mobilization



531
People Attended Events, Meetings, and Presentations

17
Community Events, Meetings, and Presentations Held

* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

Community Risk Factors

	Massachusetts	Holyoke	Chicopee
Total Population (2015 Estimate)	6,794,422	40,684	56,741
Population Lives in Poverty	11.5%	28.8%	13.3%
Unemployment Rate	2.8%	6.1%	5.1%
Total Public School Population (2015-2016)	953,429	5,366	7,710
Economically Disadvantaged	27.4%	67.6%	48.1%
High School Dropout Rate	4.9%	18.4%	12.9%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

Holyoke & Chicopee's Gang Activity

7
Street Gangs

106
Gang Members
Under 25 Years Old

During 2016, the Holyoke Police Department (HPD) identified 7 gangs comprising 589 members, of which a little less than one fifth (18.0%) were under the age of 25. Recruitment of youth into gangs increased and occurred in schools, through peer relationships, and via social media. HPD estimates that gangs were responsible for 75% of violent crimes, including shootings, stabbings, armed robberies, and assaults. Additionally, gangs were responsible for about 75% of drug sales, specifically cocaine and heroin, leading to inter-gang conflict, turf battles, and violent crime.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2012-2016

